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## Frederick WORKS! One Job at a Time Initiative Growing in Impact for 2013: Total job count has nearly doubled since last year at this time

**FREDERICK, MD** – Last year, in an effort to boost the local economy in 2012 and beyond, Frederick County Workforce Services (FCWS) and the Frederick County Workforce Development Board (WDB) launched **Frederick WORKS!** One **Job at a Time**, an initiative that encourages Frederick County businesses to be part of the unemployment solution, by creating and/or filling at least one job.

One year later, the initiative is still going strong, as businesses have continued to rise to the challenge. Frederick County Workforce Services has now tracked almost 2,000 jobs since January 1, 2012, nearly doubling the results achieved at this same time last year. Close to 800 employers have now been counted by the initiative for hiring Frederick County residents and/or creating jobs within Frederick County.

Championed by the Board of County Commissioners, Mayor Randy McClement, and other local municipality leaders, **Frederick WORKS!** One Job at a Time is modeled after similar programs in other communities throughout the United States that have been successful in generating new job opportunities and getting the unemployed back to work.

Partners of the **Frederick WORKS! One Job at a Time** initiative include Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, City of Frederick Economic Development, and Frederick County Department of Business

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Development and Retention. By publicly recognizing employers that have hired or plan to hire, **Frederick WORKS! One Job at a Time** partners have brought attention to the fact that businesses <u>are</u> creating and filling jobs in Frederick County.

Frederick County businesses that would like to join the One Job at a Time initiative and become a part of the solution can complete and submit a simple form through the Frederick County Workforce Services website at <a href="www.FrederickWORKS.com/onejob">www.FrederickWORKS.com/onejob</a>. There is no cost to participate, and the benefits of joining include positive recognition and free publicity for making a difference in our community.

The general public is also welcome to visit <a href="www.FrederickWORKS.com/onejob">www.FrederickWORKS.com/onejob</a> to learn more about <a href="Frederick WORKS">Frederick WORKS</a>! One Job at a Time, including program updates and a partial list of participating employers.

Frederick County Workforce Services (FCWS) supports the County's revenue base by helping unemployed workers to re-enter the local workforce and become contributing tax payers again. FCWS also utilizes grant funding to provide occupational training in high-demand industries to help alleviate critical skills shortages in the current and future labor market. FCWS is located in the Business and Employment Center at 5340 Spectrum Drive, Suite A, in Frederick, MD.

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